

CITY OF EDGEWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2006
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Link called the meeting of the Edgewood City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers of the Edgewood City Building. The following council members were present: Bill Grady, Scott Guenther, Jeff Schreiber, Mark Steffen, Dale Henson, Ray Spears and Nancy Atkinson. Also in attendance were City Attorney Frank Wichmann and City Clerk Jeanette Kemper. City Administrator Roger Rolfes was absent.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – No changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to adopt the January 16, 2006 minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Henson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor's Report – Mayor Link recognized Mike Zalla and Noah Bodkin with Troop 779 who were in attendance. Mayor Link attended the following meetings/events: Municipal Government League dinner, January 16th; Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission dinner meeting, January 31st; Mayor's Group Meeting, January 21st; "Night in Frankfort", February 2nd; Transportation seminar in Frankfort. Will be meeting with the Transportation Cabinet next week to discuss the Dixie Fix Study.

Staff Reports – Council reviewed reports from the following staff members: City Administrator, City Clerk, EMS/Fire, General Services, Police, and Recreation. Under the administrator's report Mr. Rolfes had reported that the city of Crestview Hills had asked the city to give them a proposal to expand the city's fire/EMS coverage in Crestview Hills. A proposal was sent to Crestview Hills pending approval from Edgewood's council. Mr. Grady stated that we should take our time and not rush into anything. He stated that it seemed that Crestview Hills would have a good portion of their city covered for \$65,000 a year and he would like to know what Ft. Mitchell is paid and why Crestview Hills is asking us to do this. Mr. Grady felt the proposal was quoted too low. Chief Messmer stated that it will increase their daytime calls due to the amount of doctor's offices but they welcome the additional calls. The daytime staff consists of four full time and some part time employees who can handle the additional calls. Their nighttime activity should be fairly low. Mr. Grady thinks our rates are very low. The city contracts with MCA, Medical Claims Assistance, for billing of ambulance runs; which is based on soft billing. Mr. Grady wants to know the rate the city collects through MCA. Mr. Spears stated that he was in favor of the additional opportunities for our fire department as long as we don't have to add people or equipment. He further stated that it is costing Edgewood \$800 per run and Crestview Hills is getting it for \$200 per run. Mr. Schreiber stated that maybe the city needs to evaluate the soft billing process. Chief Messmer will obtain the information requested by council for the first meeting in March. Clerks report - Jeanette Kemper added that in reference to the figures on the lockbox proposal presented at the last meeting were presented correctly. The retail option is cheaper because the mail is opened by machines and not by their employees.

CITIZENS DESIRING RECOGNITION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Norbert Meyer, 3118 Locust Hollow, requested that a stop sign be installed on Brookwood Drive southbound at the entrance to Brookwood Circle by Willowbrook because the bushes at that location obstructs the view for those who are turning onto Brookwood Drive. Mayor Link asked Chief Kramer to look into the situation. Stan Goetz said he would also look into it; it may be a matter of trimming the bushes. Chief Kramer agreed stating that he didn't feel there was enough traffic in that area to warrant a stop sign.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review draft language pertaining to Neighborhood Commercial zone text amendment - Mr. Wichmann drafted language per the last meeting in which the Edgewood Tavern is requesting a zone change and stated that he needed to include a distance in the wording. Lee Ramsey, manager of the Edgewood Tavern, stated that the closest property line was 375 feet and the closest dwelling was 425 feet. There are two distances that need to be decided on. In the first paragraph of the text amendment it says the tavern is not a permitted use unless it is so many feet away from the other uses that are identified. In the second paragraph of the text amendment it indicates that if they're within a certain distance of a dwelling the outside area has to be fenced. Council concurred with 375 feet for both issues. Mr. Wichmann will insert the distance and stated that the process will be to propose the text amendment to the planning commission who will review it, make a recommendation and it will come back to the city for adoption by ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Cancel the February 20th council meeting due to the Presidents Day holiday – Mr. Henson made a **motion** to cancel the February 20, 2006 council meeting due to the holiday; seconded by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Retirement of K-9 Tamar – Chief Kramer reported that due to health issues with Tamar he requested that Tamar be retired from service and allow Officer Ed Morris to purchase the dog for \$1 and adopt him. Mr. Henson made a **motion** to declare Tamar as surplus property and retire him from service and allow him to be disposed at the Mayor's discretion; seconded by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Fire Dept. request to purchase a support for decon sink at a cost of \$430 from Summit Fire Apparatus – Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to approve the purchase of a stainless steel support for the decon sink from Summit Fire Apparatus at the cost of \$430 because the item purchased is in the best interest of the public and the city due to the best price; seconded by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Request to have a special council meeting on February 27th – Mr. Steffen made a **motion** to have a special council meeting on February 27th; seconded by Mr. Guenther. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

ORDINANCES, MUNICIPAL ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2006-02-01 adopting the supplement to the code of ordinances – 1st reading. Mr. Wichmann read the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, KENTUCKY.

Proclamation 2006-01 Catholic Schools Week during the week of January 29th – Mayor Link read the proclamation and presented it to St. Pius on January 30th.

Resolution 2006-02 adopting the Northern Kentucky Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan – in order to be eligible to receive federal funding in the event of a disaster it is a requirement to adopt this plan. Mr. Grady made a **motion** to adopt Resolution 2006-02; seconded by Mrs. Atkinson. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Executive Order 2006-01 was signed appointing members to various boards and committees. Mr. Wichmann stated that two of the appointments (Board of Adjustments and Code Enforcement Board) require council approval. Mr. Guenther made a **motion** to adopt executive order 2006-01; seconded by Mr. Henson. Mr. Grady abstained. **Motion passed: 6 ayes – 1 abstention.**
- Fitness classes continue through March 31st. Held at the Senior Center, \$2 per person per class. Bring your own mat or towel.
- Ice-skating - free for Edgewood residents – Feb. 12, 3 p.m. – N. Ky. Ice Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Henson made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Spears. **Motion passed: 7 ayes – 0 nays.**

Mayor John D. Link

Attest: _____
Jeanette Kemper, City Clerk

Date passed: _____